

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 73

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Claude Smith "C.S."
(Sonny) Harvey, Jr., of Oliver Springs.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Claude Smith "C.S." (Sonny) Harvey, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, C.S. Harvey was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harvey was born in Fort Worth, Texas, on January 12, 1931; and

WHEREAS, his family moved to Oliver Springs when he was three, and he graduated from Oliver Springs High School in 1948; and

WHEREAS, during high school, C.S. Harvey met the love of his life, Jennie Maxine Brown, whom he married on September 30, 1949; and

WHEREAS, he served with acumen and alacrity as the owner of Harvey's Furniture and Appliance Company, which he operated for sixty-four years until his passing; and

WHEREAS, active in his community, Mr. Harvey graciously donated his time and energies to numerous organizations, including serving as a member of the Roane County Board of Education and the Roane Industrial Board, as Chairman of the Oliver Springs Housing Authority and the Oliver Springs Historical Society, and he served on various bank and hospital boards; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harvey served on the Roane County School Board from August 1974 to August 1982, serving as Chairman of the School Board from October 1977 to September 1978; and

WHEREAS, C.S. Harvey was proud to serve on the foundation board for Roane State Community College and he spent much time promoting and providing scholarships to students

who chose to further their education there; he and his wife were also faithful supporters of Oliver Springs Schools and gave gifts and scholarships to many young people in the area; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Harvey was named a Roane County Treasure in 2007 by the county commission for his many contributions to the county and its citizens; he was also voted Business Man of the Year by the Roane County Chamber of Commerce and, recently, he was named to the Oliver Springs High School Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, he was an active and devout member of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for more than fifty years as Choir Director and Sunday School teacher; he served as the church's first Youth Director for more than twenty years, he helped drive the senior citizens bus, and he was also named a Lifetime Deacon; and

WHEREAS, his numerous accomplishments aside, Mr. Harvey was also deeply devoted to his family and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his wife, Jennie Maxine Brown Harvey; his parents, Claude S. and Georgia Capps Harvey; a grandson, Jonathan Patterson; a great-granddaughter, Brenna Whedbee; two brothers, Bill and Jim Harvey; a sister, Wilma Schultz; and a brother-in-law, Jim Hood; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harvey is survived by his children, John Thomas (Donetta) Harvey, Claude "Buster" Harvey III, Claudia Maxine Harvey Patterson, and Donna Maria (Joe) Harvey Whedbee; five grandchildren, Joseph Michael (Beth) Whedbee, Jennie Shea Watts, John Mark (Amanda) Whedbee, Rebecca Ann Harvey, and Kaitlyn Elizabeth Harvey; and his great-grandchildren, Caden and Ava Whedbee, Claudia Sydney Watts, and Parker Whedbee; and

WHEREAS, he is also survived by two sisters, Patsy Begley and Barbara Hood; two sisters-in-law, Betty Harvey and Dortha Brown; one brother-in-law, Bob Schultz; a host of nieces and nephews; and special friends, Reverend Jerry Prevo and his wife, Carol; and

WHEREAS, C.S. Harvey leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Claude Smith "C.S." (Sonny) Harvey, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Harvey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.